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In addition to being able to see the weaknesses of a target, the exclusive trait of Fool's Shadow, [Twilight of the Gods], can also predict the target's next action through changes in their nerves, blood flow, breath, and body.

This allows Fang Mu to effectively defend himself.

It led Fang Mu to make a decision. He must choose a Ghost Device that excels in defense to make up for his own shortcomings in that area.

One downside to Twilight of the Gods is that once a particular target is anchored as a divine being, it must be killed before another target can be anchored.

Therefore, in battles where life and death are not on the line, Fang Mu can't casually use the exclusive trait, Twilight of the Gods.

Twilight of the Gods also serves as a lifesaving measure that can be used in critical moments.

It might be decisive in some battles in the future, killing the enemy outright.

When Fang Mu uses Twilight of the Gods on a target, he doesn't necessarily have to kill the target himself. Once he detects the target's weakness, he can inform She Wan or other guards.

They can then launch a fierce attack on this weak point.

Therefore, even if Fang Mu is merely a One-point Stars Beastmaster, he can become the most powerful aid when it matters.

He can determine the outcome of the battle.

After absorbing the rest of the Shadow Eye Stone, Fool's Shadow did not show any signs of further improvements in quality.

The Perfect Quality Fool's Shadow looked more reserved and its shadow resembled Fang Mu even more.

At first glance, it clearly carried a hint of Fang Mu's unique charm.

This upgrade of both the Destiny Guardian Beast Fool's Shadow and the Blood of Abundance brought great benefits to Fang Mu.

It just happened to be the time for Fang Mu to donate blood to the Blood of Abundance.

Fang Mu drank a cup of Blood Replenishing Tea, gave the Aromatherapy Rabbit a bud of Coagulated Jade Camellia and activated the skill Fragrance.

With the aid of the potent blood replenishing aroma, Fang Mu began his daily blood donation.

The Blood of Abundance's improved quality has also enhanced Fang Mu's physical constitution.

After the Blood of Abundance improved to Perfect Quality, Fang Mu's blood donation volume increased from 1,500 to 3,000 milliliters.

The time it takes to coagulate a drop of Covenant Blood Essence has been significantly reduced from over a month to less than a month.

This time Fang Mu's blood donation only increased by 1,000 milliliters.

Donating 4,000 milliliters at a time allows Fang Mu to acquire a drop of Covenant Blood Essence in less than half a month.

Such speed is already fast enough.

Fang Mu can both coagulate the Covenant Blood Essence and consume the Blood Aged Wine without suffering any major repercussions on himself.

After putting away Fool's Shadow and the Blood of Abundance, the blood-colored fog dissipated.

Fang Mu returned to his original appearance as a raucous youngster.

Upon leaving his room, Fang Mu saw She Wan waiting at the entrance with a worried face.

It was clear that She Wan had heard the loud noise from his room earlier.

However, due to her status as a guard and because she knows how highly Fang Mu values privacy, she didn't dare to rush in.

The security team at Si Ning Mansion is all composed of Diamond Level Beast Masters. Intruders can hardly infiltrate the place.

Even if these guards are useless, he should still be able to sense powerful figures sneaking in, so there's no danger from the outside.

Upon seeing Fang Mu walking out of the room, the worried look on She Wan's face instantly disappeared.

But, She Wan quickly noticed something different about Fang Mu.

As a Hexagram Beastmaster, She Wan liked to discern things with her spiritual power. She noticed that Fang Mu had grown at least two centimeters taller, from 178 cm to 180 cm.

His bone structure seemed to have undergone a transformation, becoming more perfect based on his already impressive appearance.

His demeanor also became more reserved and dignified.

She Wan didn't know what had happened in Fang Mu's room, but by observing the changes in his body, she knew that Fang Mu must have gained a great enhancement.

The longer She Wan stayed by Fang Mu's side, the more mysterious she found him.

However, due to Fang Mu's subtle induction through his acting skills, She Wan attributed Fang Mu's mysteriousness to Qixing.

To her, Fang Mu's infrequent solo departures didn't seem strange.

The main members of the Starwheel can use the Star Cloud Messenger to enter the Starwheel Land for face-to-face communications.

Members like herself of the South-North Sky Constellation Chairs can also occasionally enter the Starwheel Land using the products produced by the Star Cloud Messenger.

A Grandmaster Creator communicating with disciples through special Guardian Beasts is a very common thing.

She Wan sighed in her heart.

How much love and grace must a Grandmaster Creator possess to be able to respond to his disciple's requests and bestow resources, while on the verge of breaking through his current Creator level?

Fang Mu was unaware of the small play that had just taken place in She Wan's mind. He told her directly,

"Sister Wan, I'm fine here. You can continue with the arrangements!"

Upon hearing this, She Wan immediately moved into action. Accompanied by Feng Chenhao, who had already finished purchasing the necessary materials, and Lin Ziyuan, who had just brought a large number of Master-level Furniture, they began to arrange the venue.

Currently, including Fang Mu, there were only four people in the entire compound.

Even if Fang Mu wanted to help, She Wan would never let the master do the work while his servant was by his side.

With time pressing and a heavy workload, although everything was ready-made, anything that they didn't have could be purchased using the Dragon Cavalry Black Gold Card that Fang Mu had given them.

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But arranging the space was without a doubt time-consuming, and it certainly had to be meticulous.

Because this was related to Fang Mu's reputation, She Wan had to apply her wholehearted effort.

Feng Chenhao and Lin Ziyuan were no different.

Fortunately, tonight, Lu Xiaoyin, Fang Mu's personal housekeeper, could bring four servants from the estate to Si Ning Mansion.

They would continue setting up until tomorrow noon. With Lu Xiaoyin's carefulness and capability, the venue would surely be well-arranged!

Feng Chenhao and Lin Ziyuan, while listening to She Wan's instructions and arranging accordingly, trembled slightly in excitement.

During their shopping trip for supplies, both had communicated with their families.

The reactions of the two families were identical; Feng Chenhao and Lin Ziyuan were directly hailed as the family's pride.

Though Feng Chenhao was a direct descendant in Langya Biology, he had always been overlooked.

It was only after he joined forces with Fang Mu to establish the Peach Beguile makeup brand that he finally managed to enter the family's core power circle.

However, within his family, he didn't enjoy many privileges despite this.

Instead, he was constantly suppressed by the previous core members of the family.

Because Feng Chenhao's sudden intrusion had threatened these individuals' interests, otherwise, there was no need for the harmonious family to collectively borrow funds from him.

Didn't the family always develop well even when they couldn't secure the funds in the past years?

People in the family always thought he was just a worker by Fang Mu's side, without decision-making power.

So they dared to suppress him constantly.

Feng Chenhao had found no way to prove his relationship with Fang Mu.

This time, he was helping Fang Mu arrange the conference as a friend in Lu City, which was tantamount to slapping the faces of those in his family.

Feng Chenhao didn't need to say anything more; he was destined to stand firm within his family.

And truly stand out in the core circle of power.

Would those who wanted to suppress him still have the courage to do so?

Lin Ziyuan felt his father's excitement over the phone, knowing that the heart his father had been suspending for many years had finally settled.

His father would no longer have to futilely struggle with his second uncle.

No matter how big "Gao Ping" 's face is, it could not compare to Fang Mu. The entire Gao Family was thinking about how to make contact with Fang Mu.

He had clearly become a window of opportunity.

As evidence, not long after he phoned his father, the Gao Family patriarch, Gao Hongying, called his father.

Hoping to have a face-to-face communication with Fang Mu through his connection.

Lin Ziyuan, knowing he could not agree to this, didn't consider the answer too important.

Leveraging Fang Mu was supposed to make the Gao family hesitate to control the Lin family based on their reliance. The Lin family had no intention of pleasing the Gao family further with Fang Mu's relationship.

Lin Ziyuan knows that ever since the Gao Family wanted to take control of Lin Family, his father, Lin Mo, had been prepared to leave the Gao Family.

If the Gao Family could not provide protection for the Lin family, but instead became a roaring tiger, there would be no point for the Lin Family to follow the Gao Family.

Upon arriving in the evening, Lu Xiaoyin first greeted Fang Mu, then immediately started arranging without stopping.

Taking over She Wan's original task and taking charge.

Lu Xiaoyin knew that as long as she was around Fang Mu, all she needed to do was handle her tasks properly.

However, on both occasions, one trip to the Capital and one to Lu City, Fang Mu did not take her along.

This made Lu Xiaoyin feel a sense of crisis.

Her strength was not strong and she had no guardian beast.

Unlike Yin Nanzhen, she could not strengthen herself quickly with resources given by Fang Mu.

As a Four-pointed Star Beast Master, she would need several years to elevate to a Five-Point Star.

Power was irreplaceable, and it was something Lu Xiaoyin could not compete with Yin Nanzhen and She Wan.

If Fang Mu needed someone to manage things while he was away, and found a temporary replacement...

If that person performed better, her status would be threatened.

This trip to Lu City where Fang Mu called her over gave her an opportunity to prove herself.

It was an opportunity she needed to grab at all costs.

Under the bright moonlight, Fang Mu stood in the courtyard, observing the Bright Moon Golden Osmanthus and Inviting the Moon to Support Mulberry, which were absorbing the moonlight.

Originally, in the spatial equipment where there was no moonlight, the Bright Moon Golden Osmanthus and Inviting the Moon to Support Mulberry could coexist harmoniously.

But now, facing the abundant moonlight, the Bright Moon Golden Osmanthus and Inviting the Moon to Support Mulberry seemed like sisters who had fallen for the same man, fighting with each other.

In the contention for moonlight, Bright Moon Golden Osmanthus was clearly superior, making it nearly impossible for moonlight to pour onto the body of Inviting the Moon to Support Mulberry.

Seeing this, Fang Mu immediately moved Inviting the Moon to Support Mulberry to a location far from Bright Moon Golden Osmanthus.

Only after making sure that Inviting the Moon to Support Mulberry could receive the moonlight properly did Fang Mu stop.

Having nothing to do, Fang Mu turned his gaze back to the bright moon in the sky.

Upon peering, Fang Mu saw a familiar sight before his eyes.

Two lush osmanthus trees were above the bright moon; they had golden petals and silver stamens, radiating golden light in the moonlight.

Underneath the two osmanthus trees was a woman standing sidelong. The woman was gently comforting a girl sitting in her arms with two piggy tails.

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The woman, dressed in a moon robe, was standing at an angle that obscured her features.

Yet, her silhouette hinted at the extraordinary spirit within her.

Even the aura emanating from her back was so extraordinary that it made one hesitant to disrespect her, no matter how beautiful she was.

When Fang Mu had previously ascended to elite quality in Fool's Shadow, he had witnessed the same scene.

At that time, Fang Mu thought he was experiencing a hallucination.

Experiencing such illusions after intense pain was quite normal.

So Fang Mu didn't pay much heed to it.

However, this time when Fool's Shadow's quality increased, Fang Mu again saw the same scene.

And what he observed this time was even clearer than before, clearly pointing to the fact that the figure on the bright moon was not an illusion.

After watching this scene for an unknown period of time, Fang Mu suddenly came up with an astounding thought.

The two osmanthus trees on the moon, with silver stamen and golden petals, strangely matched with the name of the evolved Bright Moon Golden Osmanthus – Silver Chrysosplenium Stamen Cassia.

Could there be any connection between these?

Upon closer inspection, Fang Mu noticed that one of the larger osmanthus trees was missing a branch on the left side.

However, just as he squinted to see more clearly, he was suddenly pulled back from that mental state.

When Fang Mu tried to raise his eyes and gaze far again, he found the moon to be completely empty.

No matter how closely he looked, he couldn't see the two osmanthus trees, the figure under the osmanthus tree, or the baby in her arms again.

Fang Mu reckoned that an average person wouldn't see such a spectacle when looking at the moon.

If everyone could see it, scholars would have long been conducting research on this phenomenon.

Fang Mu dismissed all the speculations from his mind.

He felt that the next time he'd see this scene would probably be once Fool's Shadow ascended to the epic quality.

He wondered, would he be able to observe more clearly next time and at least see the woman's face under the osmanthus tree?

Fang Mu summoned Suck Suck in his room to hear it "sucking and sipping" on the tentacle of the Withering Cold Tyrant Octopus.

Fang Mu began to examine books about osmanthus plant Guardian Beasts.

Some of these books were obtained by Fang Mu from Scavenger, while others were procured from the Creator's Guild via his connection with Lv Yuyu.

These books circulated within the eight major organizations of the Dragon Rising Federation and were compiled by the organizations themselves with similar contents.

After flipping through the books on osmanthus Guardian Beasts, Fang Mu found that there was no mention of Silver Chrysosplenium Stamen Cassia, let alone the Bright Moon Golden Osmanthus.

Seeing this, Fang Mu picked up his phone and placed a call to She Wan.

The phone barely rang a few times before She Wan picked it up.

“Young Master, what can I do for you?”

“I have almost everything ready here. Xiao Yin truly commands as a housekeeper better than I ever could!”

After meeting Lu Xiaoyin today, She Wan had seen through the worry and anxiety in Lu Xiaoyin’s heart.

Lu Xiaoyin was currently by She Wan’s side.

When She Wan praised Lu Xiaoyin to Fang Mu, she genuinely acknowledged Lu Xiaoyin’s abilities.

On the other hand, she also wanted to win Lu Xiaoyin’s favor and earn a favor in return.

Lu Xiaoyin had first become Fang Mu’s personal housekeeper, and then she had become Fang Mu’s guard.

So far, She Wan and Lu Xiaoyin had always gotten along harmoniously without any discord.

She couldn’t help but worry about how she would get along with the new housekeeper if someone were to replace Lu Xiaoyin as Fang Mu’s personal housekeeper.

The personal housekeeper can manage the guards, and if the new housekeeper were to smear her in an attempt to win Fang Mu’s favor,

Her relationship with Fang Mu could become strained.

Her duty was to guard, and the fact that she lacks ability as a housekeeper compared to Lu Xiaoyin wasn’t a disadvantage.

Fang Mu wouldn’t hold this against her.

When he heard what She Wan said, Fang Mu raised an eyebrow, and with a glance, he understood why She Wan said what she did.

Fang Mu replied with a smile,

“Sister Wan, thank you for your hard work today and tomorrow! I’d like you to inquire about the origin of the Bright Moon Golden Osmanthus I have!”

“Tell Lu to prepare things for setting up the Abdominal Territory Worm and Mechanism Fortress soon. He should also remember to get himself a hard bed when arranging the inside of the Abdominal Territory Worm because he has back problems!”

She Wan was momentarily stunned when she heard Fang Mu’s words. She had only tried to flatter Lu Xiaoyin.

She didn’t care whether Fang Mu could understand the deeper meaning behind her words.

But to her surprise, Fang Mu not only understood her implications but also immediately chose to reassure Lu Xiaoyin’s worries.

She was momentarily surprised as her understanding of Fang Mu broadened further.

Before, she simply didn’t treat Fang Mu like a child. But now, she felt that she should view Fang Mu as a cunning old fox.

She felt that if any force thought of Fang Mu as just a young boy and tried to take advantage of him at the transaction meeting tomorrow evening,

They would surely miscalculate!

“Master, I’ll ask my grandfather about the Bright Moon Golden Osmanthus right away. I’ve never seen it at the She family before!”

“It must be one of my grandfather’s personal collections from his younger years.”

“Lu must be thrilled to know that you care so much about him!”

After hanging up the phone, She Wan relayed Fang Mu’s words to Lu Xiaoyin without omitting a single word.

Fang Mu’s words meant that during his expedition, Lu Xiaoyin could accompany him.

This assuaged the biggest worry in Lu Xiaoyin’s heart.

Lu Xiaoyin was overjoyed to hear this.

After noting down the task given by Fang Mu, Lu Xiaoyin planned to personally thank Fang Mu early tomorrow morning.

Only then could he express his heartfelt thanks and honor for Fang Mu.

Since it was a question from Fang Mu, She Wan didn’t hesitate despite it being already late into the night.

Her grandfather, being much older, would go to bed right after nightfall.

He lived a life from sunrise to sunset.

If she were to call now, she would undoubtedly wake him up.

However, even if her grandfather was in a bad mood, when faced with Fang Mu's question, he would surely answer earnestly.

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Even his grandfather was eager for Fang Mu to seek him out.

But She Wan did not see anything extraordinary about the osmanthus beast, known as Bright Moon Golden Osmanthus, that resided in their courtyard that would warrant Fang Mu's concern.

She Junjie didn't retire to rest as She Wan predicted this evening.

She Junjie was not the type to easily alter his routine for anything.

What happened today fulfilled She Junjie's decades-old wish.

Both the Giant Toothed Whale and the Dragon Devouring Shark were She Junjie's longtime associates. Both were gravely injured in battle to protect She Junjie, the injuries impacting their essence.

When facing that Mysterious Organization, the Giant Toothed Whale even leaped forward, blocking a fatal strike for She Junjie!

While She Junjie was able to heal the Dragon Devouring Shark, he could not do the same for the Giant Toothed Whale.

It seemed as though She Junjie favored one over the other.

Originally, She Junjie had some regrets about not being able to successfully invite Fang Mu to the feast.

But soon, She Junjie adjusted his mindset.

What the She Family had always sought was not to tie Fang Mu down, but to make Fang Mu trust the She Family after dealing with them.

He was not merely willing to lend a hand to the She Family because of She Wan's involvement.

Through their interactions, She Junjie could see that Fang Mu was extremely creative and intelligent, yet he kept others at a distance.

Such a person was highly independent, possessing his own subjective thoughts on matters.

If one were to be overly passionate to such a person, it would give them the impression of an impure motive.

This was also a significant reason why She Junjie decided to change his attitude towards Fang Mu.

If Fang Mu was still an immature youth who liked compliments and flatteries,

Then She Junjie could easily win Fang Mu's favor by showering him with gifts, like a child.

In Luo City, not only the other four families, but even the notable forces would probably try to scheme against Fang Mu.

Especially the Gao Family, who strangely conferred the title of Noble Lady at such a time.

Their intentions were clear.

The Gao Family has always been fond of forming alliances through marriages with other forces by offering their women.

When She Junjie's own She Jiazhen turned sixteen, She Junjie began to consider potential partners for him.

She Junjie had researched both openly and covertly into the young women from all the major forces in Luo City.

Indeed, he was very familiar with Gao Wenyan.

In She Junjie's opinion, Gao Wenyan was like a blooming oleander – beautiful to behold, but cunning at heart.

She was even cruel to some extent.

Gao Wenyan may have thought her deeds were well concealed, but for someone like She Junjie,

No covert tactics could escape detection.

After all, the Gao Family's core members' confidentiality had not been applied to Gao Wenyan.

Gao Wenyan, a girl barely in her early twenties, already had hands stained red because of the way people discussed her family's standing. She was just like the poisonous juice of an oleander.

She Junjie always believed that it was hard for a person to keep pretending past a year, no matter how good they are at pretending.

If Gao Hongying really presents Gao Wenyan to Fang Mu, wouldn't he worry about the day Gao Wenyan's true nature is exposed to Fang Mu?

However, seeking short-term gains without considering the long-term interests is quite similar to Gao Hongying's adventurous style.

Of course, there's also a possibility that Gao Hongying is actually unaware of Gao Wenyan's deeds.

Maybe he only knows that she is machiavellian yet still under his control; this might explain why he selected Gao Wen yuan as the Noble Lady.

In fact, among the younger females from large families in Luo City, Gao Wen yuan's appearance could be considered exceptional.

While watching the moon with the Giant Toothed Whale and the Dragon Devouring Shark, She Junjie was deep in thought about She Wan's good fortune.

At this moment, She Wan happened to call him.

She Junjie knew well that no one in the She Family would dare to disturb him during his rest without a good reason. She Wan contacting him at this time must be about an important matter.

Moreover, it was likely related to Fang Mu.

Thinking of this, She Junjie immediately answered the call.

Upon hearing She Wan's inquiry about the Bright Moon Golden Osmanthus, She Junjie sighed inwardly.

Could it be that Fang Mu recognized the osmanthus beast that he gifted him?

As the giver, She Junjie didn't actually know the name of this osmanthus beast.

He only knew that this osmanthus beast could assist its companion beast to reduce damage and form a Tree Core when executing its skill.

However, this particular osmanthus beast had a slow rate of forming a Tree Core. So slow that She Junjie never got the chance to witness its Tree Core fully formed.

Nor did he get the chance to use this Tree Core to heal other plant-type beastmasters.

Of course, this has something to do with the fact that She Junjie's mind was preoccupied with the Giant Toothed Whale's injuries, and he never thought to expose the Bright Moon Golden Osmanthus to the moonlight.

She Junjie admired the unique properties of the Bright Moon Golden Osmanthus, and he found it a fitting gift to convey his sincerity and that of the She Family to Fang Mu.

Given that Fang Mu has now brought it up, She Junjie approached the matter with caution.

After carefully recalling the details, She Junjie began,

"The Guardian Beast that Mr. Jianmu named Bright Moon Golden Osmanthus was acquired in the ancient ruins of Star Moon Canyon during my youthful expeditions."

"Back then, what I found was an artifact from an ancient epoch. Only after nearly ten years of infusing it with Life Elixirs was I able to break its prohibition and discover a dry twig inside."

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"I was very disappointed at the time and tossed this withered twig randomly next to the bookshelf."

"A few months later, despite no exposure to water, the twig sprouted because it could get sunlight."

"After I planted it in the soil, it became what Mr. Jianmu refers to as the Bright Moon Golden Osmanthus."

"This is all I know about the Bright Moon Golden Osmanthus."

"I'm not a Creator, and due to the fact it's an Epoch relic, I have not shown this Bright Moon Golden Osmanthus to anyone else."

"If Mr. Jianmu wants to have a more detailed understanding of the Bright Moon Golden Osmanthus, it would be best to ask Qixing Grandmaster."

Upon being told this, She Wan silently nodded, understanding why her grandfather would feel unlucky and disappointed to find a withered twig in an Epoch relic.

Nine out of ten Epoch relics turn out to be useless. Some even found common metal spiritual materials like Manganese Iron in them.”

“My grandfather, who was passionate about collecting Epoch relics in his youth, loved the thrill of unboxing them.”

“He no longer gets particularly excited or upset over what he finds in them.”

“The particular twist here is that this Epoch relic came from Star Moon Canyon, one of the world’s twelve most notorious relics.”

“It is said to be related to two powerful women from the Fifth and Sixth Epochs.”

“Star Moon Canyon is extremely dangerous with a beast taming tribe of foxes called Sun-swallowing Foxes guarding its periphery.”

“For reasons unknown, this fox tribe is fiercely protective of Star Moon Canyon.”

“Only when the moon is full and the Sun-swallowing Foxes are howling at it like a tribute, one can sneak into the depths of Star Moon Canyon.”

“Not that no strong individuals haven’t tried to disperse the Sun-swallowing Foxes and explore the secrets of Star Moon Canyon.”

“The Gazing Moon Federation and the Star-looking Federation are on either side of Star Moon Canyon.”

“These two Federations coexist peacefully across the Star Moon Canyon, with occasional minor conflicts.”

“The tens of thousands of kilometers long Star Moon Canyon is a natural barrier, preventing the Gazing Moon and Star-looking Federations from clashing.”

“These two Federations have long coveted the relics within Star Moon Canyon; after all, who doesn’t want a fat cut from their own backyard?”

“In addition to the relics, Star Moon Canyon is rich in resources.”

“Following an agreement for cooperation, both Federations sent their strong individuals to form teams to deal with the Sun-swallowing Foxes at the entrance of Star Moon Canyon, and then share the relics and supplies.”

“The Gazing Moon Federation and the Star-looking Federation even finalized the allocation ratio of supplies but failed to get past the Sun-swallowing Foxes.”

“This led to a rumor that there was a beastmaster beast king at the threshold of the Sequential in the Sun-swallowing Fox tribe!”

“This put Star Moon Canyon directly into the list of forbidden areas.”

“She Junjie, who was initially unaware of all this, felt a chill run down his spine when he remembered.”

“Having learned from her grandfather about the origin of the Bright Moon Golden Osmanthus, she achieved what she set out to do and could report back to Fang Mu.”

After ending the call, She Wan explained the circumstances to Fang Mu.”

What was a beautiful evening with a sunset quickly turned into a fierce thunderstorm.”

The rain created a “pitter-patter” sound on the ground, leading Lu Xiaoyin, who was setting up the venue in the middle of the night, to think there was hail outside.”

In a dream, Fang Mu found himself on the moon after the Fool's Shadow upgraded to Perfect Quality, seeing the vision of a broken osmanthus branch.

A small rabbit under the tree kept stuffing carrots into its mouth. It wouldn't have naughtily broken the osmanthus branch, would it?

Originally, Fang Mu couldn't see the woman standing under the osmanthus tree, but in his dream, he stood face to face with her."

He saw the undisguised longing in the woman's clear eyes."

The next morning, She Wan made a trip to the She Family home and found She Junjie to help collect spatial attribute spirit materials."

Although She Wan didn't tell She Junjie why she needed these spatial attribute spirit materials, She Junjie guessed it."

She Wan already had a large reserve of space series spiritual materials and was now seeking to get more from the family."

It was clear She Wan intended to give these materials to Fang Mu."

Fang Mu's willingness to formulate space-series spiritual liquids for She Wan's cultivation was undoubtedly an extremely good news for the She Family."

She Long had his child in his old age. Although She Wan was old enough to be She Jiazhen's elder, they were indeed siblings."

She Wan loved She Jiazhen dearly since childhood."

With She Wan as the She Family's protector and She Ruan stepping down, she could support She Jiazhen, which gave She Junjie peace of mind."

After returning to Si Ning Mansion, She Wan screened the space series spiritual materials she received from the family."

Once Fang Mu woke up, she handed all the space series spiritual materials to him."

Looking at the heap of space series spiritual materials She Wan had given her, Fang Mu couldn't help but marvel at the resource reserves of the powerful old She Family."

They had stored so much of just one element of spiritual materials!"

Fang Mu had not been cultivating the Abdominal Territory Worm and Mechanism Fortress because he hadn't had time to collect space-series spiritual materials."

On the other hand, there was a conflict between the cultivation materials and absorption."

Now with so many space series spiritual materials, Fang Mu can cultivate the Abdominal Territory Worm while supplying She Wan with space-series spiritual liquid."

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As a unique war-fort type beast, the Abdominal Territory Worm, Fang Mu felt there was no need to make a contract with it.

The intellect of the Abdominal Territory Worm was pitifully low, making it hard for it to comprehend complex commands.

Once Fang Mu had nurtured the Abdominal Territory Worm, it would regard him as the closest person and move according to his instructions without a problem.

Not contracting would prevent the level of Fang Mu, a One-point Stars Beast Master, from limiting the class of the Abdominal Territory Worm.

Fang Mu handed the Space System Materials to Xixi, instructing it to devour some while it was consuming the body of the Withering Cold Tyrant Octopus, in order to form a batch of Space Crystals.

After experimenting, Fang Mu found that the Spiritual Liquid of the space system, which was difficult for other creators to prepare, took no longer for Xixi to solidify into crystals than those of other elements.

This would save Fang Mu a lot of time for the numerous Space Crystals he would soon acquire.

The Abdominal Territory Worm was now silver-gray all over, with patches of brown spots.

It was only the size of Fang Mu's little finger.

In these days, Fang Mu had been carrying it all the time, keeping it hidden in his hair during the day and it had become accustomed to his scent.

It began displaying affection towards Fang Mu.

As soon as Fang Mu took the Abdominal Territory Worm off his hand and placed it on the table, it would quickly crawl back onto his hand, appearing to find solace only by his side.

Fang Mu put the first batch of Space Crystals made by Xixi into a porcelain basin.

He poured clear water into the basin and the Space Crystals quickly dissolved in the water, giving off a light silvery glow.

Fang Mu placed the Abdominal Territory Worm in the porcelain basin, and its class and quality began to rise rapidly.

After absorbing all the Space Energy in the basin, the Abdominal Territory Worm had grown into a huge creature about five meters long and about one meter wide in Fang Mu's room.

Fang Mu looked at the large silver spots on the side of the Abdominal Territory Worm and walked towards it.

Fang Mu's body instantly passed through the silver spot and arrived in a not insignificant space.

The space was foggy all around, looking quite mystical.

Fang Mu made a simple estimate; the space was about eighty square meters.

Though not even one-sixth the size of Fang Mu's bedroom in the JA City Mansion, such a large space would suffice to accommodate seven or eight people when venturing outside.

Moreover, as the level of the Abdominal Territory Worm grew, the space in its abdomen would continue to increase, allowing Fang Mu to have a larger area of activity.

Fang Mu returned to his room through the squirming silver cluster on one side of the space.

Fang Mu looked at the Abdominal Territory Worm at this time and examined it through his Eye of Omniscience.

[Beast Name]: Abdominal Territory Worm

[Beast Species]: Soft-bodied class/ Pouch worm species

[Beast Level]: Gold (5/10)

[Beast Element]: Space Series

[Beast Potential]: Platinum

[Beast Quality]: Epic

Skills:

[Wormhole Travel]: The worm moves in the specified direction through short-distance continuous shuttling.

[Wormhole Mark]: Marks a fixed location by secreting a sticky liquid from its abdomen. After the mark, it can return to the marked site at the cost of spatial energy (the spatial energy consumed will decrease with an increase in purity).

[Secret Realm Energy]: Specifies a type of energy as a special energy of the secret realm; the Abdominal Territory Worm can generate specific energy for the secret realm by consuming its own life energy.

Exclusive Traits:

[Staunch Shell]: As long as its exterior is not broken and its life is not ended, it will not affect the stability of the interior space.

[Double Mystic Land]: In addition to the secret realm in the abdomen, a temporary secret realm can be built in the void for itself to hide, the secret realm has a hiding effect and cannot be explored by regular means before it is broken.

Evolutionary Path:

(It is not recommended to evolve arbitrarily without selecting an energy type according to the skill Secret Realm Energy.)

Upon inspection, Fang Mu found that the class and quality of the Abdominal Territory Worm had been elevated to the level of Gold rank five and Epic Quality after being enhanced by that basin of space system spiritual liquid!

Of course, it was not surprising that the class had been raised so quickly. The amount of Space Crystals Xixi had prepared this time was too large, and the concentration was 100% for all of them.

The Abdominal Territory Worm itself was a functional Beast, which in certain specific environments, could rise to the strategic level.

Its copper-grade skill [Wormhole Travel] could be considered a fundamental skill of the Abdominal Territory Worm.

The Abdominal Territory Worm, with its ability for short-distance continuous spatial shuttling, allowed it to become renowned as a mobile fortress on land.

With the current level of the Abdominal Territory Worm, each short-distance shuttling could reach up to ten kilometers.

After seven or eight continuous shuttling, it would need a short rest.

The silver-grade skill [Wormhole Mark] took the functionality of the Abdominal Territory Worm a level higher.

When the Abdominal Territory Worm encountered danger, it could use the marked wormholes to evade emergency, as long as it had enough spatial energy.

Even if it didn't encounter any danger, it still could use up spatial energy to travel conveniently.

Although Fang Mu was adept at producing pure energy, he was still wary of situations that consumed large amounts of energy.

The silver-grade skill [Wormhole Mark] conveniently reduces the consumption of spatial energy as its purity increases, so Fang Mu didn't need to worry about it.

The emergence of the gold level skill [Secret Realm Energy] took Fang Mu by surprise.

In Fang Mu's view, the gold-level skill [Secret Realm Energy] of the Abdominal Territory Worm had marked the strategic significance of the Abdominal Territory Worm, reaching the strategic level and even surpassing it.

Of course, the specific classification of strategic significance would depend on the energy selected by the [Secret Realm Energy] gold-level skill of the Abdominal Territory Worm.

The Abdominal Territory Worm could consume its own life energy to provide the secret realm with a specific energy source.

Once the energy designated as a special energy source is rare and valuable, it would become very economical to exchange the life energy replenished by the Life Elixir with the Abdominal Territory Worm.

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To other individuals and forces, the gold-level skill [Secret Realm Energy] of an Abdominal Territory Worm was not as powerful or valuable.

Because supplying life energy to an Abdominal Territory Worm with the aid of a Life Elixir is a highly extravagant act.

Life Energy itself holds immense value and is an essential energy source for the majority of Spiritual Beast Evolutions.

The price of various elixirs depends on the difficulty the Creator experiences during preparation, to put it simply, the price of the elixir is set by the Creator.

The higher the difficulty the Creator faces in concocting the elixir results in a higher price.

The value of Space Potions is higher than the value of Life Elixirs.

Yet, without conducting any experiments, no one can pinpoint how much life energy an Abdominal Territory Worm needs to consume to be able to produce spatial energy.

The ratio of these two forms of energy consumption and output remains a mystery.

From the perspective of energy transformation, an Abdominal Territory Worm serving as a mediator must inevitably consume excess energy.

If an Abdominal Territory Worm consumes excessive life energy, it wouldn't be appropriate even if it could concoct a Space Potion that is complicated for a Creator to prepare.

Furthermore, even if spatial energy is produced, there is no guarantee of its purity.

However, the situation is entirely different for Fang Mu.

Preparation of Life Energy by Fang Mu doesn't need any cost, he can provide unlimited resources for the Abdominal Territory Worm.

Secondly, the energy produced by the Abdominal Territory Worm might lack purity, but Xixi can function as a recycling unit.

Xixi could purify the energy produced by the Abdominal Territory Worm.

If Fang Mu plans to utilize the Abdominal Territory Worm's gold-level skill [Secret Realm Energy], the designated energy source will be exceedingly rare and exceptional.

It would be better if it's something that even the power of a creator could not replicate.

This made Fang Mu subconsciously think about Spiritual Energy, an energy that disappeared in the fifth and sixth epochs!

If Fang Mu could obtain a tad bit of impure Spiritual Energy as a seed and let the Abdominal Territory Worm designate it as its energy source.

Then he could produce a continuous stream of Spiritual Energy through Life Energy.

Having access to Spiritual Energy, the unique energy that disappeared during the fifth and sixth epochs, will undeniably make tracing back to those periods of history easier.

Possessing Spiritual Energy will also allow for more possibilities in Spiritual Beast Evolution.

Of course, this is just Fang Mu's aspiration.

The Dragon Rising Federation and the whole world are still persistent in their research on Spiritual Energy up until now.

However, no one has been reported to have obtained even a shred of Spiritual Energy.

That being said, it does not mean obtaining Spiritual Energy is impossible.

In those ancient battlefields and epoch relics produced from them, there might be a corner or an item that contains Spiritual Energy!

Returning to the matter at hand, Fang Mu started to inspect the exclusive trait of the Abdominal Territory Worm.

The exclusive trait [Staunch Shell] was attained by the Abdominal Territory Worm when its quality was elevated to perfect quality. [Staunch Shell] ensures the stability of the interior space of the Abdominal Territory Worm unless its body is thoroughly crushed and life energy completely dissipated.

This singular trait fundamentally enhances the functionality and purpose of the Abdominal Territory Worm.

If the worm did not have this singular trait, it would not require any fatal injuries. Simply by being frightened, it might generate a stress response.

Everything present in the Abdominal Space could be regurgitated due to stress.

With the exclusive trait [Double Mystic Land], an Abdominal Territory Worm is now more meaningful as a battlefield fort and also provides an increase in safety.

In addition to the sanctuary within its abdomen, the Abdominal Territory Worm can now configure a temporary sanctuary in the void while it partakes in short-distance trips.

What's more, the sanctuary holds camouflage features. Unless another life form can also step into the void and accidentally enters the sanctuary where the Abdominal Territory Worm is hiding.

It would be difficult for them to locate the sanctuary using regular methods.

The void belongs to another dimension of the world, the real world could not detect anything inside the void.

But the ones inside the void can view and overhear the circumstances and dialogue inside the real world.

It can be employed for concealment and can be used as a method of scouting for information or launching surprise attacks.

Fang Mu is highly content with the Abdominal Territory Worm.

Originally, Fang Mu did not plan on forming a covenant with the Abdominal Territory Worm. Instead, Fang Mu decided to wait until his Beast Master level had risen before supplementing the Abdominal Territory Worm with a covenant.

Also, by using Covenant Blood Essence, Fang Mu plans to assist the Abdominal Territory Worm in evolution.

Since Fang Mu doesn't plan on limiting the speed of the Abdominal Territory Worm's level progression, he will help the worm with its level upgrading.

It could be possible that the Abdominal Territory Worm steps into a higher sequence before Fang Mu becomes a Biprong Star Tamer under Fang Mu's cultivation.

Fang Mu's plan to make a covenant with the Abdominal Territory Worm will be an issue to deal with after he has become a Five-pointed star Beastmaster.

The Abdominal Territory Worm did not display an Evolutionary Path. The data from the Eye of Omniscience marked, "It is not recommended to evolve randomly before selecting a particular energy source based on the skill [Secret Realm Energy]."

This made Fang Mu feel the Eye of Omniscience becoming more intelligent and human-like.

At times the Eye of Omniscience not only spy on the information about a target but also assists Fang Mu in making decisions.

While Fang Mu was observing the Abdominal Territory Worm, the worm moved its colossal body towards him.

The worm gently used the tentacles in front of him, touching Fang Mu's waist.

Finally, it glided towards Fang Mu's neck and his cheek.

Through the tentacles, the feeble consciousness of the worm communicated with Fang Mu.

Fang Mu could perceive that the thoughts of the Abdominal Territory Worm were quite chaotic, it could not even match the intellect of a three-year-old.

Nevertheless, because of the enhancement Fang Mu had provided to it, the Abdominal Territory Worm considered him the closest existence.

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The circumstance was due to the fact that the Abdominal Territory Worm had not been nurtured by anyone since birth.

Just like a child who only feels soothed in the arms of a familiar person, they will get upset if held by someone else.

After establishing a bond with the Abdominal Territory Worm, Fang Mu put it back into the Purple Ice Crystal Ring.

Fang Mu planned to gather more spiritual instrument fragments over time.

Previously, all his fragments came from Feng Lin, who had given him almost all of her reserves.

Even though Feng Lin no longer had any stock, she knew other Advanced Spirit Forgers and Spirit Forging Masters.

With her connections, she could easily get spiritual instrument fragments, which were no different from trash, from them.

Given Fang Mu's current relationship with Feng Lin, he believed that she would be willing to help him.

With this trade, Fang Mu would not have to worry about spiritual instrument fragments for a long time.

With these fragments, Fang Mu could quickly enhance his absorption to a Legendary Quality.

They could also be used to cultivate the Mechanism Fortress.

As a rare spatial and mechanical Dual Beast, the Mechanism Fortress could attach to the body of the Abdominal Territory Worm.

It could serve as an additional third mysterious land for the Abdominal Territory Worm.

Although the Mechanism Fortress did not appear much larger than the Ingenious Round Tent, its internal multiple spaces were each much larger than the copper-level Ingenious Round Tent.

Of course, greater power comes with a higher cost. Cultivating the Ingenious Round Tent was already difficult for ordinary Beast Masters.

Cultivating the Mechanism Fortress required several times more spiritual instrument fragments than the Ingenious Round Tent.

In addition, a large amount of spatial energy was also needed.

When Fang Mu, She Wan, Lu Xiaoyin, and others were out for their adventures, they could all stay in the various spaces of the Mechanism Fortress.

The space inside the Mechanism Fortress, like that of the Ingenious Round Tent, could help living organisms recover their physical strength and expended energy.

As for the abdominal space of the Abdominal Territory Worm, it could be used as a container for various energies or to store Guardian Beasts that could cause special pollution.

The abdominal space of the Abdominal Territory Worm merged with the void, effectively isolating the spread of pollution.

If chosen as a secret fortress for war, it could launch a surprise attack on a specific location or power.

The electronic butterflies controlled by the Hacker, the Blood Race Prince, and other war weapons could be placed in the abdominal space of the Abdominal Territory Worm.

No one would consider having too many Guardian Beasts of strategic significance.

At this time, Fang Mu's phone rang.

Seeing that it was the number Golden Bull had given him in advance, Fang Mu knew that Golden Bull had arrived.

"Libra, I've arrived at Lu City. Should I go to the address you gave me a couple of days ago to find you?"

"I have some difficulty moving, and appearing abruptly might disturb others, causing unnecessary trouble."

Upon hearing this, an unexpected look crossed Fang Mu's face.

Fang Mu previously only knew that Golden Bull's lifespan was limited, but he was not aware that Golden Bull had mobility problems.

If he really had mobility problems, using a wheelchair should not shock others.

Even if it did surprise others, it wouldn't cause any problem, would it?

It seems that Golden Bull probably has other issues.

Fang Mu would soon meet Golden Bull and he didn't think too much about it.

He would understand everything when he met Golden Bull.

"Yes, Senior Golden Bull, it's the same address I told you a couple of days ago!"

“My name is Fang Mu, it’s rather awkward to use the name Libra after we meet.”

“You can just call me by my name!”

On the other end of the phone call, Golden Bull’s stern face was softened by a faint smile.

Golden Bull had a very good impression of Fang Mu. Thanks to him, Golden Bull was able to prolong his lifespan.

Prolonging his lifespan is something Golden Bull had always dreamt of.

Fang Mu’s actions were equivalent to extending his own life.

Otherwise, Golden Bull would not have agreed to accompany Fang Mu on his adventures for a period of time.

Golden Bull had heard from Shui Miao that the name of Qixing’s Grandmaster Disciple was Jianmu.

Fang Mu didn’t tell him the name Jianmu, but told him Fang Mu.

That probably means that Fang Mu was giving him his real name.

This, in Golden Bull’s view, was an absolute act of goodwill.

“Okay, I’ll be there soon!”

“My real name is Shu Liangjun.”

“You can call me whatever you like.”

After hanging up the phone and preparing to go out to greet Golden Bull, Fang Mu left his house and went to the courtyard, only to see a strange old man appearing in the courtyard.

She Wan, Lu Xiaoyin, Feng Chenhao, and Lin Ziyuan had just finished setting up and were preparing to get a good night's sleep.

They planned to do the final check of the trading venue in the afternoon.

Upon seeing this suddenly appearing strange old man, everyone found their hair standing on end.

A weird sense of crisis was swirling in their minds, as though their goosebumps were wildly dancing.

Being young and new to the outside world, Feng Chenhao and Lin Ziyuan lacked the breadth of vision, let alone the experience.

This contrasted with Lu Xiaoyin, who once served in the Creator's Guild, and She Wan, the She Clan's Noble Girl.

The upper body of the old man was in a regular human shape, showing obvious signs of age.

His white hair and wrinkled skin, with lines etched between his brows and eyes, indicated that the old man had been worrying about something for a long time.

Yet, the old man's demeanor gave off an incomparably noble air.

However, his lower body was not human legs, but a strange wriggling mass of purple-red flesh.

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The pulsating maroon lump of flesh rhythmically throbbed from several points, yet the beats were not synchronized.

She Wan and Lu Xiaoyin recognized at once that this was a taboo in the Beastmaster world, a forbidden technique that even the reckless Eternal Alchemy Association had banned.

This old man had inexplicably cultivated, within his own legs, multiple contamination sources of considerable tier.

The result was the eerie appearance of his own legs.

No matter his reasons for such actions, in the eyes of She Wan and Lu Xiaoyin, this old man was nothing short of a mad man.

She Wan could sense the old man's spiritual power like a vast ocean.

Her own spiritual power, which she prided, was but a mere river in front of the old man.

Even if a river strived to surge wildly, it wouldn't cause any impact on a vast ocean.

From the extent of the old man's spiritual power, it was clear that his strength far exceeded her own.

Still, as a guard, She Wan was the first to summon both the Silver Void Purple Spider and the Ghost System Beast Soulswap Mantong, her usual trump card, without any reservations.

She placed them in front of Fang Mu, who had just stepped into the courtyard.

She Wan's facial expression was severely grave, all while privately expressing her frustration.

Had Fang Mu not made his appearance at that moment, she could have used the Ghost System Beast, Soulswap Mantong, to stall the old man.

If she could hold off for merely a few seconds, the Silver Void Purple Spider could have transported Fang Mu into the void.

From the moment she became Fang Mu's guard, She Wan had been prepared to sacrifice herself for his protection.

Coming from a prominent family, She Wan always understood one principle: one must fulfill the responsibilities and obligations that come with prestige and benefits.

Only such people are deserving of glory!

She Wan, who was ready for combat, quickly noticed that Fang Mu, without any change in expression, headed towards the old man as if he were familiar with him.

At this point, Fang Mu finally understood why Golden Bull had warned that his legs would cause unnecessary trouble.

Fang Mu, having read the scavenger's secret texts, had some understanding of pollutants.

Pollutants could take the form of Guardian Beasts, items, or even any other conceivable form.

After the prolonged developments of The Seventh Era, many scholars discovered that, similar to Guardian Beasts, pollutants could be contracted.

Once a contract with a pollutant was made, the Contractor would gradually be assimilated by the pollutant, transforming into a source of contamination.

A Beast Master who becomes a pollution source retains their sanity, but they tend to develop an insatiable thirst for blood and cruelty.

Eventually, they could even lose their humanity, becoming an emotionless being who acts on whim.

Such existences pose a far greater danger than a madman.

Just like the Evil Heart Sect and the Eternal Alchemy Association, the Ancient Genesis's risk level is even higher.

The Evil Heart Sect and the Eternal Alchemy Association are utterly mad, but the leaders of Ancient Genesis have contracted multiple pollutants, turning themselves into sources of contamination.

Driven by absolute rationality, the Ancient Genesis's actions are even more resolute, ruthless, and insane.

Among the few chaotic evil factions, the Ancient Genesis has the power to eradicate the entire medium-sized Federation.

The extermination of a medium-sized Federation by the Ancient Genesis enraged the Federation of Ten Thousand Nations.

Leading ten large federations, they jointly embarked on a crusade against the Ancient Genesis and slew numerous strong figures.

Since then, the evil power of the Ancient Genesis has been in a state of seclusion.

The act of contracting a pollutant, incorporating it into one's body with the chance of enhancing one's lifespan, is exclusive to the Ancient Genesis.

This old man, capable of integrating so many pollutants within his body, must somehow be linked to the Ancient Genesis.

Fang Mu was unfazed by whether or not Golden Bull had any connection to the Ancient Genesis.

Golden Bull was unquestionably one of the full-fledged members of the Starwheel.

The sudden decrease in Golden Bull's lifespan was likely linked to his relocation of pollutants into his body.

The upper body of Golden Bull had clearly not been tainted by pollutants; he was not a pollution source yet.

Golden Bull was evidently suppressing the pollutants in his legs from tainting his upper body.

Given Golden Bull's desperate desire to extend his lifespan, it was understandable for Golden Bull to experiment with the Ancient Genesis's method of improving lifespan by implanting pollutants into the body.

Even the most rational individuals have moments of desperation.

With Golden Bull's strength and connections, it was possible to acquire the Ancient Genesis's method of implanting pollutants into the body.

As long as Golden Bull stopped the pollutants from tainting his upper body, his emotions and thoughts wouldn't be corrupted by the contaminants.

Golden Bull had a way to suppress the contamination from his lower body's pollutants to his upper body. Once his lifespan increased, he might also be able to remove the implanted pollutants from his body.

Upon reaching Golden Bull, Fang Mu directly showed respect accorded by a junior to his elder.

"Elder Shu, you've had a long journey, please come in for some tea!"

Fang Mu showed respect to him as a junior, yet Shu Liangjun chose not to assume the role of an elder in return.

Instead, he addressed Fang Mu as an equal.

"Ah Mu, I am indeed a bit thirsty."

Ever since his arrival, Shu Liangjun had been watching Fang Mu.

It was the first time Shu Liangjun had met Fang Mu in person and he noticed that Fang Mu didn't show any panic upon seeing him.

Although he seemed slightly surprised, his demeanor remained natural.

This suggested two possibilities: Either Fang Mu had encountered Beast Masters like him, who had implanted pollutants into their bodies, and was used to it, or Fang Mu possessed an exceptional calmness and composure in the face of sudden changes.

Golden Bull tended to believe the latter.

Straight-laced Grandmaster Creators were generally disinclined to interact with powerhouses such as the Ancient Genesis.

If Qixing truly had a connection with the Ancient Genesis and valued and cherished his disciples, he would certainly not allow his disciples to come into contact with the Ancient Genesis.

As Fang Mu headed towards the house, he noticed the tense look on She Wan's face. He winked at her and said,

"Sister Wan, an old friend is visiting. You should come meet him too!"

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Fang Mu had previously informed She Wan about Shui Miao and Golden Bull's request.

In the past, She Wan had seen Shui Miao altering his appearance through Noface Star Paper. The old man in front of her was clearly not Shui Miao.

Upon hearing Fang Mu refer to him as an 'old friend', She Wan quickly guessed that this old man was a major figure from the Starwheel, one of the twelve main constellations, wielding the power of the Golden Bull constellation.

On a normal day, She Wan did not interact much with the twelve official members who sat on the Golden Chair in the Starwheel.

The few with whom she did interact did not include the Golden Bull.

She Wan was uncertain why the Golden Bull had transformed into this state, using the ancient genesis method to transplant polluting substances into his body.

Even though Golden Bull was an official member of the Starwheel, she was also part of the Starwheel.

She was somewhat wary of this new Golden Bull.

Since she was Fang Mu's guard, she acted according to Fang Mu's will.

If Fang Mu didn't sense anything wrong with the Golden Bull then she need not be too concerned.

If she expressed too much concern, it could be misinterpreted as hostility.

She Wan didn't want the Golden Bull to perceive her that way.

Regardless of the reason, the Golden Bull chose to transplant the pollutants into his body.

Now, these pollutants have severely impacted the Golden Bull's health.

His legs had morphed into a mass of oozing, rotten meat.

Even if Golden Bull had a way to purge the pollutants from his body, it would likely have to involve amputating both legs.

If she showed too much concern about Golden Bull's legs, and he interpreted it as wariness, that would still be fine.

But if he took it as mockery, she would face a tough time within the Starwheel in the future.

An official member of the Starwheel who sat on one of the twelve Golden Chairs once chosen, could only be replaced by death or voluntary resignation.

However, these members sitting on the South-North Sky Constellation Chair are subjected to judgement by the Starwheel's official members.

If more than a third of the official members voted in favour of the judgment, the unofficial member would be expelled from the Starwheel.

So far, She Wan knew of a few unofficial members of the Starwheel who were kicked out for offending the official ones.

When She Wan left, Lu Xiaoyin coughed lightly while watching the direction Fang Mu and the others had gone in.

She then spoke to Lin Ziyuan and Feng Chenhao.

"Young masters, I hope you can help keep the situation here confidential."

Hearing her words, Lin Ziyuan and Feng Chenhao hurriedly replied.

“Steward Lu, rest assured, we certainly won’t leak out anything about Mr. Jianmu!”

“Yes, Steward Lu, you’re overthinking! We will stick to our duties and not put Mr. Jianmu in a difficult situation!”

With his deformed legs, Shu Liangjun couldn’t possibly sit on the sofa after he entered the room.

Standing, he accepted the Heavenly Fragrant Tea from Fang Mu. He hadn’t taken a sip yet but the mere scent of tea brought an astonishing expression to his face.

Shu Liangjun loved tea, and there were hardly any teas in the world that he had not tried.

The leaves of the tea in front of him did not seem to be processed, carrying a natural fragrance of plants.

Most likely, the leaves of some plants were directly used to brew tea after being sun-dried.

Creating this type of tea was simple and depended on the quality of the raw materials.

After drinking this cup of tea, it surprisingly had a refreshing effect.

Shu Liangjun did not think that Fang Mu could have bought a tea of this caliber from the market.

There were certainly not any teas in the market that he had not tried before, so the Guardian Beast producing this kind of tea must have been specially cultivated by Master Qixing.

Even though he had not met Qixing yet, Shu Liangjun already regarded him as a refined gent.

he had already introduced himself to Fang Mu.

Shu Liangjun was familiar with She Wan, who was a guard introduced by the Aquarius to Fang Mu and also a member of the Starwheel.

Shu Liangjun decided to go straight to the point and asked Fang Mu.

“My life span has less than a year left, so I’m very curious about the method your Master Qixing will use to prolong my life span.”

Upon hearing Golden Bull’s words, She Wan was shocked and immediately understood why Golden Bull’s legs had become what they were.

The Golden Bull transformed into this state in hopes of elongating his life span by transplanting pollutants into his body.

However, he had failed, and possibly even suffered repercussions.

If not, given Golden Bull's vitality, his lifespan shouldn't be less than a year.

From Golden Bull's words, She Wan learned something else: Fang Mu's master, also known as Master Qixing, has a means to increase the lifespan of someone on the brink of death.

She Wan had never even heard of such a method.

Had it not been for Qixing's reputation as a Grandmaster Creator, Golden Bull would probably not believe anyone else's word and certainly not have made this trip.

Golden Bull's direct question was within Fang Mu's expectation. What a person on the brink of death would be most concerned about was surely the possibility of extending life.

Fang Mu looked at Golden Bull with a smile and said.

"My master greatly values your life, Elder Shu, and has entrusted me with an auspicious object meant to prolong your life."

“But the method my master uses to increase your lifespan is rather confidential.”

“As you know, creators usually have their Guardian Beasts ingest sleep moss to prevent their methods from being exposed during enhancement.”

“For you, Elder Shu, I’ve prepared God-bewildering Incense. I’m merely acting on behalf of my master in using this auspicious object, so I have to observe his rules.”

“I hope you won’t put me in a difficult position, Elder Shu.”

Golden Bull had dealt with many Grandmaster Creators in his lifetime, and he knew that their rules were like a dog’s farts, plentiful and smelly.